CBSE Affiliation/Recognition

1497. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the pre-conditions and guidelines to be followed by different schools wanting affiliation and/or recognition of Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE):

(b) what is the difference in the status of two types of schools, one having recognition and the other having affiliation of Central Board of Secondary Education;

(c) what norms have been prescribed by the CBSE for charging different fees; and

(d) the status of D.A.V. Public school, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Schools seeking affiliation to the Centra! Board of secondary Education (CBSE) are required to fulfil various conditions prescribed in the affilation Bye-laws of the Board. Formal recognition of the school and issue of a 'No Objection Certificate' by the concerned State/UT Government, possession of adequate land, non-proprietary character of the management running the school, employment of well-qualified staff and payment of salaries not less than the scales of pay prescribed by the concerned State/UT Government are the main conditions laid down in the Affiliation Bye-laws.

(b) Formal recognition of the school by the concerned State/UT Government is necessary for the purpose of running a school. Affiliation is intended for sending the students for a public examination conducted by the CBSE at Class X and Class XII level.

(c) Fees charged should be commensurate with the facilities provided by the institution. No capitation fee or "voluntary donations for gaining admission in the school or for any other purpose should be charged/collected in the name of the school. The unaided schools should consult parents through parents re-presentatives before revising the fees.

(d) DAV Public School, Pratap Vihar, Ghaziabad is affiliated to the CBSE for the Secondary (Class X) Examination.

Singing of Saraswati Vandana in Schools

1498. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA:
SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that singing of Saraswati Vandana in schools has been made compulsory in Uttar Pradesh for Hindu as well as non-Hindu students; and

(b) whether Union Government also propose to make the singing of Saraswati Vandana compulsory for children of all religions throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) The Uttar Pradesh State Government has informed us that its department of Education had issued certain instructions for the introduction of 'Kalpa Yojana' which, inter alia, included recitation of "Vande Mataram and Vandana in front of the portrait of Goddess Saraswati". The State Government has subsequently withdrawn the orders issued in this regard.

(b) No, Sir.

Ban On Quota Admissions in Central Schools

1499. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REBDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have imposed ban on quota admissions in Central Schools; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) The quota of two admissions to each Member of Parliament, one hundred to Minister of State, Ministry of Human Resource Development and one thousand to Minister of Human Resource Development provided in the scheme of Special Dispensation Admissions in Kendriya Vidyalayas introduced by the Government in July 1998 has been struck down by the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi as violative of the provisions of Artcle 14 of the Constitution.

Educational Institutes Established by Religious and Linguistic Minorities

1500. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the religious and linguistic minorities have come to establish educational institutions in subjects like engineering, medicine, pedagogy, computer science, etc. managed by them with several privileges that keep Gpvernment control off them;

(b) if so, the details of prvilcgcs enjoyed by these institutions;

(c) whether huge donations are collected for admissions in these institutions and they grossly abuse the privileges given to them; and

(d) if so, the Government's plans to ensure, professional and transparent management in these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) As per Article 30 of the Constitution of India, all minorities, whether based on religion or language have the right to establish and administer educational institutions of their choice. Such rights in institutions conducting higher education in professional courses in technical and medical education are further regulated by the regulations issued by the University Grants Commssion (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) and Medical Council of India (MCI) as per the Supreme Court judgements in Unnikrishnan case. As at present, minority institutions can admit 50% of the total intake of seats which can be filled by the Managements out of students belonging to the particular minority on the basis of merit and to be equally distributed as free and payment seats.

(c) and (d) Detailed procedures for admission and fee structure in professonal institutions including minority institutions have been prescribed in the regulations of UGC, AICTE and Medical Council of India pertaining to Higher Technical and Medical Education respectively. The policy on fee fixation has, further been notified by the Government of India in March 1997 whereby the fee to be charged by the concerned private unaided institutions in Higher and Technical Education including Management Education is categorised as tuition fee and development fee to be fixed by duly constituted committees of officials and experts. The Commttees have been empowered to ensure that the fee does not become a source of profit or commercialisation. The institutions are required to maintain proper accounts on fee recovary as per the prescribed procedures. The Government notification further stipulates that any contravention in this respect would lead to cancellation of the permission/affiliation of the concerned institute.

Non-Participation of Indian Volleyball Team in the Coming Asian Games

1501. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Indian Olympic Association has